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1. Attached are four reports from [ ] on Japanese rearmament and covert right-wing interest in it. Report C is of interest, we feel, only in that it supplies a few more names of former military leaders who are again active behind the scenes; that they all are doing "research" on rearmament is, we feel, doubtful. On the other hand, SAKUMA Ryoso, you will note, does not appear.

2. The statement in Report A on Japanese rearmament was obtained directly from OKADA Keisuke in an interview at his Tokyo home by [ ]. He has been linked in previous [ ] reports with the UGAKI faction or the JIA.

3. In submitting this report, [ ] shed a little more light on the mystery of his entry to such formidably inaccessible people as OKADA. He discussed previously in ZJA-1273-A. He attached two cards which he had used in introducing himself to OKADA. One, a thin, ladies'-style calling card, bore the name of [ ] grandmother; on the face of it she had written OKADA's name and signed her han. The other described her as the widow of [ ] distinguished grandfather; on it she had written in Japanese: "I am praying for your health." In Japan, this technique seems to oil the rustiest of hinges.

8 February 1951

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REPORT A

Subject: Okuma's Views on Japanese Rearmament

Report No: 27-15521

Date of Information: 19 Jan 51

Date Acquired: 20 Jan 51

Date of Report: 6 Feb 51

Evaluation:

Good

Critical

Indifferent

Unreliable

Source:

U.S. Ambassador

Minister

regarding the rearmament of Japan

The following is the substance or proposals made by Okuma Shigenobu (U.S. Ambassador) regarding the rearmament of Japan.

1. In recognition of the fact that armament is necessary for the defense of Japan, the article in the present Japanese constitution prohibiting the arming of Japan must be amended.

2. In order to provide for the self-defense of Japan, a Japanese-American Joint Defense Pact should be concluded.

3. The participation (in such a pact?) of the Emperor and the Imperial Household should be strictly forbidden.

4. It is essential that land, air and sea bases be offered to the United States for a specified period of time.

5. If so far as possible, Japan should maintain sea and air forces.

6. Japan should work toward lasting friendship with America.

7. The person who should be entrusted with the rearmament of Japan is General TAKI Masahiko.

8. Members of the Japan Self-Defense Army (NATION JIEIKU) should not be sent overseas.

9. The rearmament of Japan should be based on the strengthening of the present National Police Reserve.

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Source:

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1. (Date of Info: December 1950; dates recd: 2 Jan 52 & 26 Jan 1951)

Secret conferences have been held by President IKUROHISA UMEKI and

~~KOICHI KIEKISABURO~~ and former Premier YUKIO KONO, to discuss the repre-

sentant of Japan, OKADA, presented a document entitled "Rearmament of Japan" after the Peace Treaty, setting forth his own desires in this matter. The

confidences were adulated by former Major General GEN TAKAHASHI (TAKAHASHI GEN).

2. (Date of Info: 35 Aug 1951; date recd: 16 Jan 52)

Former General OKA is expediting the establishment of weapon and ammunition factories, at the request of the Japanese Underground Government.

These plants are scheduled to be constructed in Japan, Tokyo-6.

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REPORT D

Subject: Kyushu Japan Underground Government Report No: ZJL-551  
ment Rearmament Activities

Date of Information: 21 Dec 50

Place Acquired: Tokyo, Japan

Date Acquired: 2 Jan 51

Evaluation: C-5

Date of Report: 8 Feb 52

Source:

Former Baron AKAIKI Motonaga (赤木 元徳), of the Japanese  
Underground Government, is active in the rearmament of Japan. His  
activities center around Fukuoka, Kyushu.

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